

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	77.0
Hours flown	72.2
Monthly offset	-4.8
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	166.0
Hours flown	111.9
Monthly offset	-54.1
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	366.0
Hours flown	387.3
Monthly offset	1.3
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	253.0
Sorties flown	162.0
Monthly offset	-91.0
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	64.0
Sorties flown	52.0
Monthly offset	-12.0
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Feb. 24	

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy with rain showers
NW winds @ 15 knots
High: 70 Low: 61

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
N winds @ 15 knots
High: 68 Low: 61

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with rain showers
N winds @ 15 knots
High: 66 Low: 59

FRIDAY MORNING'S COMMUNITYBANK EXCHANGERATES

BUYING: \$1=¥103 SELLING: ¥108=\$1

Practice makes perfect

18th Wing wraps up first operational exercise

By 1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
18th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen here wrapped up the first local operational readiness exercise of the year Feb. 17 after days of packing equipment, processing through mobility lines and generating aircraft from home-station, then "fighting" an enemy from Kadena's Base X.

Exercise Beverly High 05-2 consisted of two phases and evaluated Airmen on their deployment preparations and ability to operate in high-threat environments while responding to simulated conventional, chemical and biological attacks.

"This is about being ready for our combat mission," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander. "We're Team Kadena, and like every other world-class team, we have to practice to be the best and to win — the first time, every time."

LORE exercises such as Beverly High 05-2 prepare Team Kadena for real world operations, according to General Jouas. The wing has proven the value of its exercises during operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and more recent-



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Steven Nabor
Members of the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and F-15 pilot (center) Lt. Col. Jeff Gustafson, 67th Fighter Squadron commander, help each other don chemical protective gear following a simulated chemical attack Feb. 16. More than 3,000 Airmen tested their ability to deploy and operate in a deployed environment.

ly, tsunami relief humanitarian missions.

"Exercises are the most important thing we do, next to actually deploying," the wing commander said. "It prepares us for whatever we may be called to do

next."

The first phase of the exercise focused on getting people, planes and pallets packed and ready to go. Once 'Phase 1' ended, Airmen transitioned into the second phase, where those

items were put to use from a simulated deployed location, or Base X.

'Phase 2' gave Airmen the unique opportunity to sharpen their skills and carry out their mission during more difficult conditions.

"It's about practicing maintenance during a war situation," said Staff Sgt. Juan Milian, a crew chief with the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "It's [also] about how we react during war and how well we can adapt to and overcome whatever situation is thrown at us."

Teamwork was essential due to the complications of launching aircraft while wearing the full chemical warfare ensemble during simulated attacks, said Sergeant Milian. "We have to work together or we don't get aircraft off the ground," he said.

Lessons were learned during the exercise, but ultimately the men and women of Kadena proved their readiness.

"There's no doubt that Team Kadena is ready for anything we may be asked to do," General Jouas said. "When our Nation calls, the 18th Wing and Team Kadena are ready to answer."

Kadena COMM Airmen return from tsunami relief operation

By Capt. Carlos Diaz
18th Wing Public Affairs

Although they were not in the thick of things handing out food and supplies, Airmen from the 18th Communications Squadron at Kadena said that the parade of huge lumbering aircraft that came and went from Utapao, Thailand, validated how their mission affected the success of tsunami relief operations.

The 33-person "COMM" team, returned last week to Kadena from their 46-day deployment to the tsunami-stricken nation.

"We are very proud of them" said Lt. Col. Stephen Korn, 18th Communications Squadron commander.

"Our Airmen were part of the only Air Force communications team deployed

for the tsunami relief operations," said Colonel Korn. "They performed so well that the Joint Communication Control Center established for the operation told our guys that it was boring to monitor the Air Force communications status because it was always green."

Colonel Korn also said that this deployment validated all the training that the squadron had been involved with—including local exercises.

During their deployment, the team ensured that the command staff had the proper tools to coordinate relief operations stretching from Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and other parts of Asia.

"Our job was to provide an outside link for the deployed joint forces. We

were very excited to help," said Capt. Robert Bonner, commander of the deployed unit and 18th CS mission systems flight commander here.

The group provided telephone service, plus computer, fax, e-mail and Internet support. They also had a 24-hour help desk for those who needed help. The Airmen said without COMM, relief operations would have grinded to a halt.

Captain Bonner said their equipment provided a state-of-the-art, ground-to-ground communications infrastructure that transmitted and received voice, data and video communications securely to or from wireless, satellite or hard-wired sources.

Brig. Gen. Jan Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, in reference to his experience with the com-

bined support force headquarters in Utapao, put it very simply: "Don't leave home without Air Force COMM! Our 18th CS warriors were the best I've ever seen in the field."

Although the COMM Airmen had used their equipment during previous exercises, this was the first time the team deployed with it on a real-world mission.

After accomplishing their mission, team members said they were glad to be back home.

"It feels great to be back with our families and friends," said Master Sgt. Zachary Wilson, the team's NCO-in-charge. "Part of our group arrived there around Jan. 2 and we were pretty much the last ones out. Our Airmen's performance during the operation was great."

Marathon to affect Kadena traffic

The Okinawa Marathon will affect Kadena traffic 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Runners will enter the base through Gate 2 to Kuter Boulevard, turn left on Vincent Avenue at the Falcon Gym, turn left on Schreiber Avenue at Kadena High School, and exit the base through Gate 5.

Several base roads will either be closed (including Gate 5) or limited to vehicle traffic. One traffic lane on Kuter Boulevard, all lanes on Vincent Avenue, and the southbound lane on Schreiber Avenue will be reserved for runners.

Gate 5 will be closed to both inbound and outbound vehicle traffic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Drivers are highly encouraged to enter or exit the base via Gate 3 or 4. Pedestrians with normal access to the base may still use Gates 2 and 5.

Residents living within the running loop should consider parking their vehicles outside the affected area if they wish to travel during the marathon.



Kadena loses one of its own

By Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing commander

Team Kadena, I'm saddened to report that we lost a wingman last weekend. For reasons unknown to us, one of our own chose to take his life. The tragic loss of a 21-year-old Airman, with a young daughter and his whole life ahead of him, will never make sense to those he left behind — his family in West Virginia, his friends in the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, and his teammates at Kadena. My thoughts go out to all those who knew this young man, and my prayers to his family and

friends.

People often avoid talking about death, especially when a tragedy such as this takes place. But we must not turn our heads to this loss in our Air Force family. There are nearly 7,300 servicemen and women on Kadena, and thousands more civilian and family members, and in such a large group it is likely that at least one other person is quietly contemplating ending his or her life. Our challenge is to do all we can to prevent anyone else from taking such a terrible step. We need to discuss the issue of suicide — at shift change, at commander's calls, at office meetings and in

social groups. Further, commanders, first-sergeants and supervisors need to address suicide prevention and "wingmen looking out for their wingmen."

Life Skills, our chaplains, Air Force One Source...or *wingmen*...are available to all of us. We are all wingmen — in the dorm, at work or at leisure activities — and we must understand the crucial role we play in identifying and helping those who may have thoughts of harming themselves.

We must do whatever we can to prevent another loss of life within our ranks. I'm counting on all the men and women of Team Kadena to lead the way.

Don't drink and drive

A Kadena airman 1st class from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron was convicted of driving while intoxicated with a breath-alcohol content of .065 percent. He was demoted to airman and given 45 days extra duty.

Leadership training proves fruitless without enthusiasm

Lt. Col. John Schaeufele
100th Logistics Readiness Squadron

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England — The single most important ingredient to any successful organization or operation is pure enthusiasm that comes from within the people of winning teams. Some refer to it as passion, while others call it attitude. But it all starts with one person within a group who believes in a goal and a vision. That person's contagious spirit sparks a reaction within the organization and soon everyone believes. Then great achievement and success are inevitable.

I sometimes refer to a simple formula for success that I've used for many years. "Time, plus tools, plus train-

ing, plus attitude equal success," said by retired Gen. Wilbur L. "Bill" Creech.

The point I see in this formula is the Air Force owes its people time, tools and training. Yet everything leadership does to ensure success is fruitless unless we are passionate about what we're doing and have that winning mental attitude so vital to success.

Passion is about beliefs. It is manifested within our minds and given action by our bodies to be carried out in our spirits that attract others to our feelings, ideas and values. So how do we spark the passion within ourselves and those with whom we associate?

We start by getting to know ourselves and those closest to us.

Have you ever watched as

a team of star athletes fails to win because they didn't perform well together? While each athlete knew his or her personal strengths, they failed to understand how a unit performing together is greater than the individual strengths of its members.

Supervisors should know what they are good at and what they are not good at. They also need to constantly assess their teammates to focus on the strengths and encourage a winning attitude.

By doing so, they uncover the passion within the team.

Unleashing passion brings success. Also true is that excessive criticism demoralizes a team. Child physiologists teach that children become what we tell them they are. Encouragement and praise raise self esteem; focusing on

individuals' weaknesses lowers it.

The lesson here is "don't spend time focusing on your faults or the faults of others." Recognize strengths and encourage them.

A great team is a unit where members know the weakness of their mates but provide support and encouragement that build up every member and raise the overall level of team performance.

Our Air Force leaders, as in every successful organization, are looking for ways to gain a decisive advantage and give us the time, tools and training necessary to gain success in battle today and in our vast future. It is up to each of us to find within ourselves and our teammates the passion, that positive winning attitude. That will guarantee success.

ACTION LINES

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Gate 4 traffic light

I am identifying a potential problem area for newly opened Gate 4. The turn signal coming from the northbound Route 58 is very short and some individuals are racing through in order to not have to wait for the next light. During the busy times of the day this can create a very hazardous situation to an already busy gate. If local Japanese officials could extend the light by a few seconds this could alleviate the problems that may arise.

Thanks for taking the time to share your observation and improve the safety of your wingmen at Kadena. You're correct about the timing on the light at Gate 4 —

not only was it inadequate for the new traffic flow, but it created a potentially dangerous situation. We contacted the Japanese traffic engineers responsible for the intersection at Gate 4 and they extended the time of the turn signal from 8 to 23 seconds.

I understand the frustration many people feel with the closure of Gate 1, but the anti-terrorism and force protection measures being implemented by this project are necessary. I ask for everyone's patience and understanding during this extended construction period, which will result in a better, more efficient base entry and control system. Thank you again for your timely and important comments.



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Bennie Bellvin

18th Wing Command Post, assistant NCOIC command and control readiness
Hometown: Houston, Texas

Reason for nomination: Airman Bellvin demonstrates poise and professionalism in every situation, including when he reports to higher headquarters and gives briefings to the 18th Wing commander and other base leaders.

Time at Kadena: 3 years, 7 months

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- About 1.5 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics in 2003. This is an arrest rate of 1 in every 130 licensed drivers in the United States. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at **634-7520**.

ENERGYCONSERVATION TIP: The 18th Wing guidance on conservation of energy asks Kadena members to take advantage of the mild seasons to conserve energy. Facility heating can be deactivated when the five-day average low is above 59 degrees, but no later than March 15. All facilities and military family housing on Okinawa are required to follow this guidance.

24-HOUR HELP LINE: The Joint Services Help Line is available for people who need to talk to someone about stress, depression, abuse, parenting, or other issues. Call the help line at **634-HELP (4357)** or **938-0992** from off-base telephones. Call the abuse line at **634-3123** and teens can call **634-CARE (2273)**.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Kadena High School will host the Far East Boys' Basketball Tournament semi-finals and finals **today** and **Saturday** at the Kadena High School gym. All games are free and open to the public. Call **634-1612** for further details.

OPERATION KUDOS: The Kids Understanding Deployment Operations kicks off

March 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children ages 5 to 18. Pre-registration is required. Children will learn what happens when their parent deploys, and will process through a deployment line, receive dog tags and IDs, view tent exhibits, radios, masks and other displays. Kids can wear mom or dad's Battle Dress Uniform or Desert Camouflage Uniform shirts. Sign up at the Kadena Base Exchange **Saturday** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call the Family Support Center at **634-7567**.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES: Military registration for the University of Maryland and Central Texas College will be held **March 14-18**. Air Force personnel interested in receiving tuition assistance should submit the forms prior to registration at the Kadena Education Office **March 7-9** from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Forms can be picked up at the education office, Bldg. 59, 3rd floor or at <https://www.afvec.langley.af.mil>. For more details, call **634-1500**.

MUNITIONS SQUADRON CLOSURE: The 18th Munitions Squadron will conduct a 100 percent inventory from **Monday** to **March 11**. Only emergency issue requests that are submitted in writing and approved by the group commander, or equivalent, will be processed. Contact the 18th MUNS at **632-5309/5066**.

KESC SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications are now being accepted for the Kadena Enlisted

Spouses Club student and spouses scholarships until **March 30**. KESC will award a minimum of six \$1,000 scholarships to students and spouses of enlisted members that are currently enrolled in college or post-secondary education. For more information contact Master Sgt. Leroy Sapp on the global address list or Lisa Hunt at hunt2000@oasis.mediatti.net.

THUNDERBIRD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Air Force's Aerial Demonstration Team, the Thunderbirds, need volunteers in the following career fields: **2A373/2A353** Crew Chiefs, **2A352** Avionics Specialist, **2A651A** Engines, **2A652** Aerospace Ground Equipment, **2A753** Structural Maintenance, **2A654** Fuels, **2A752** NDI, **2E153** Ground Communication, **2S071/ 2T251** Air Transportation, and **3V072/3V052** Combat Camera. Individuals interested in submitting a package can start the application process at www.airforce.com/thunderbirds/careers.htm.

TRAMPOLINES RECALLED: Trampolines manufactured by JumpKing of Mesquite, Texas are being recalled in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The recall is to correct welds that can break causing users to fall and suffer serious injuries. AAFES sold the trampolines from January 2003 through November 2004. Consumers should immediately stop using the product and contact JumpKing at **(866) 302-8669** or visit www.JumpKing.com to receive a free repair kit.

KADENATAX CENTER: The Tax Center, Bldg. 1460, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins, and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call **634-7784/9889** or e-mail tax.center@kadena.af.mil to make an appointment.

LACROSSE CLUB: Join the Okinawa Lacrosse Club every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. behind the Foster Field House. Call **645-7094** or visit www.okilaxclub.com for more details.

MISSIONS DIRECTOR: The Kadena Chapel is seeking to fill the Protestant Missions Director position. The position will coordinate and manage missions as well as information required for the effective and efficient operation of the Kadena Chapel program. To apply, stop by Chapel 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SUMMERHIRE PROGRAM: Applications for the 2005 Kadena Summer Hire Program can be picked up and turned in at the civilian personnel flight, Bldg. 721-A second floor, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday March 1 to Apr. 28. The program will include clerical and laborer positions 20 hours per week for \$5 in various organizations. SOFA dependents of DoD military and civilian employees age 14 through 22 are eligible to apply. Employment will begin July 11 and end Aug. 5. Call **634-1358** for more information.

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Time is money

Officials urge Airmen to take time to complete COLA survey

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Department of Defense civilians, service-members and their sponsored dependents have an opportunity to provide feedback to Department of Defense finance officials and possibly add a few more dollars to their pay-checks.

The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee has directed an out-of-cycle Cost of Living Allowance—or COLA—survey for personnel assigned to Japan to offset the effects of the weakened dollar.

The COLA survey, which is typically conducted every three years, helps pay officials calculate what COLA rate is paid to eligible servicemembers here.

The survey runs now through March 11.

Second Lt. David Osterhaus, 18th Comptroller Squadron financial officer, says it is very important for each eligible member to complete the survey. "The yen rate has been getting stronger against the dollar," he said. "If not enough people participate in the survey, the COLA rates won't be accurately reflected."

The last survey was completed in March

2003 and resulted in a two-point COLA index increase. Airmen took home anywhere from \$20 to \$80 more per month based on various index factors.

The survey focuses on the spending habits of unit personnel and their families. Some of the items highlighted by the survey are where people shop for food items, eat dinners and where they seek auto repair services. A wide range of items are included in the survey.

Pay officials state on the survey Web site that COLA

helps maintain purchasing power "so you can purchase about the same level of goods and services overseas as in the United States."

"The questionnaire is designed to identify where and how often you purchase goods and services. The information obtained from this questionnaire is used in planning and completing a separate Retail Price Data Collection that forms the basis for prescribing your COLA."

To access the survey, go to <https://141.116.74.201/oscola/lps/japan/>.

For more information, call Lieutenant Osterhaus at 634-4000.



Some deployments extended to one year

By Master Sgt. David Byron
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are designating some positions in U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility as 365-day extended deployments in an effort to provide stability and allow for long-term relationship building with host governments.

The new tour lengths currently affect about 200 key and critical operational and joint task force staff positions, officials said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper directed the extended tours in response to requests from joint task force commanders seeking continuity in selected positions, often where the local culture requires more time to establish meaningful ties with local people and host governments.

These key positions are an integral part of a combatant commander's mission and the air and space expeditionary force structure. No new positions will be created; they will be converted from current AEF slots.

"The positions will span a wide spectrum of Air Force career fields," said Lt. Col. James Davis, Air Force assignment classification, retirements and separation policy chief. "There will be a good mix of enlisted and officer positions, mainly mid-level and up."

Colonel Davis said selections would be made during the course of the upcoming spring and summer assignment cycles with all being in place by August 2005.

Volunteers will be sought first, he said. If there are not enough volunteers, AFPC officials will use modified short-tour criteria to fill the slots. For colonels, AFSLMO officials will assign them through major command channels.

Although these deployments may appear to be remote tours, they are not permanent change-of-station moves. It is not a goal to establish a permanent U.S. military presence in the region, and there is no Status of Forces Agreement in place covering permanent assignments, officials said. The positions will fall under the category of "indeterminate length" temporary duty assignments. That category will allow for certain entitlements to apply that are not available for standard temporary assignments.

"Although we can't consider them regular short-tour assignments, they will be treated as such," Colonel Davis said. "Lieutenant colonels and below who complete the tours will have priority for follow-on assignments, just like any other one-year tour." Colonels completing the tours will be assigned according to normal colonel assignment procedures.

Family members also may be eligible for standard short-tour benefits.

Storage of household goods is one benefit offered to Airmen serving temporary assignments of 180 days or longer. There are possible options for moving the Airman's family while deployed; the availability and extent of those options will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Airmen may also have the option of returning to their former assignment, if there is a suitable vacancy, officials said.

There will be career benefits for Airmen serving these extended temporary assignments. Airmen serving the 365-day TDYs will receive short-tour credit and be exempt from AEF or other contingency deployments for six months following their return home. Most of the joint task force positions will earn joint-duty credit depending on actual length of rotation, officials said.

"Our expectation is that all of the joint task force positions will get full joint credit," Colonel Davis said. "We are currently validating the positions working this with the Joint Staff and (secretary of defense). Although we're asking some of our Airmen to deploy for a longer period of time to meet mission needs, we're constantly looking for the best options for our (Airmen) and their families."

Memorial service for fallen Airman next week

An Airman assigned to the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron was found dead in his base dormitory Tuesday morning. Airman 1st Class Mark Robert Ezell was a structural apprentice. The apparent cause of death is suicide. A memorial service will be scheduled for next week. Date and time to be announced by unit leaders.

January Articles 15

The following Article 15 actions were completed in January 2005:

- A staff sergeant from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman, \$1,000 fine, and a reprimand for failing to follow maintenance technical orders and for falsely certifying their completion.
- A senior airman from the 18th AMS received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, a \$200 fine, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for driving a motorcycle without proper safety gear and without completing the motorcycle safety course.
- An airman from the 18th AMS received a \$500 fine for twice failing to go as the result of a vacation of a suspended punishment from a previous Article 15.
- A staff sergeant from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman and a fine of \$978 pay for misusing his government travel card.
- A senior airman from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received a \$1,876 suspended fine for misusing his government travel card.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th CES received a demotion to airman for misusing his government travel card, failing to obey an order to shave before a deployment flight, not having his gas mask while deployed and sleeping on duty.
- An airman from the 18th Communications Squadron received a \$500 suspended fine, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for stealing from the base exchange, property worth \$229.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th CMS received a demotion to airman basic, a \$1,234 suspended fine, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for unlawfully entering another person's home and for being drunk and disorderly with a BAC of .122 percent.
- A senior airman from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman 1st class, a \$1,584 suspended fine and 15 days extra duty for unclean government quarters.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th EMS received a demotion to airman, a \$1,336 suspended fine and 15 days extra duty for being unable to perform his duties due to a hangover.
- An airman from the 18th Medical Operations Squadron received a \$1,356 fine for failing to pay his government travel card for six months as the result of the vacation of a suspended punishment from a previous Article 15.
- A senior airman from the 18th Munitions Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, a \$600 fine and 45 days extra duty for being drunk and disorderly with a BAC of .092 percent.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th MUNS received a demotion to airman, a \$500 suspended fine and 45 days extra duty for failing to go.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for sleeping on post as a sentinel.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th SFS received a demotion to airman, a \$200 fine, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to go and drinking alcohol within eight hours of reporting to duty.
- An airman 1st class from the 18th SFS received a demotion to airman and restriction to base for 60 days for violating a lawful order to be in quarters between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. and underage drinking.
- An airman first class from the 18th SFS received a demotion to airman, a \$200 suspended, restriction to base for 45 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for violating a lawful order to be in quarters between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.
- An airman from the 18th SFS received a demotion to airman basic, a \$400 suspended fine, restriction to base for 45 days and 30 days extra duty for violating a lawful order to be in quarters between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.
- An airman basic from the 18th SFS received a \$617 fine for sleeping on post as a sentinel.
- An airman 1st class from the 19th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman and a \$400 fine for being drunk and disorderly with a BAC of .172 percent.
- An airman 1st class from the 33rd Percent Squadron received a demotion to airman, a \$323 suspended fine and 14 days extra duty for underage drinking, disorderly conduct and for lying about his identity to an NCO.
- A technical sergeant from the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron received a suspended demotion to staff sergeant, a \$600 fine and a reprimand for failing to follow technical orders during a flap lowering operation.
- An airman 1st class from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a \$1,234 suspended fine, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for having an underage guest in his dormitory room, lying about it and for allowing someone to drive his vehicle with expired insurance.
- An airman 1st class from the 353rd MXS received a demotion to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for disobeying a lawful order from an NCO.
- An airman 1st class from the 353rd Operations Support Squadron received a demotion to airman, a \$692 fine, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for failing to go and then lying about it.
- A senior airman from the 390th Intelligence Squadron received a demotion to airman, a suspended demotion to airman basic, a \$1,192 fine, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for a second offense of misusing his government travel card.

NEWS BRIEFS

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KESC MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The Kadena Enlisted Spouses Club will hold a February general membership meeting Tuesday in the Kuba Room of the Rocker NCO Club. The club will be accepting the first round of nominations for the annual elections of the Executive Board with free gifts for new members, raffles and more.

EASTER CANTATA: Join rehearsals for the choir performance **Mar. 26-27** of "Shout for Joy" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Chapel 1. Sing or help provide child care. No great voice is required. Call **633-1295** for more details.

KOSC SCHOLARSHIPS: The Kadena Officers Spouses Club has expanded its scholarship program to include college students who are SOFA status dependents of active duty Air Force of any rank, retired Air Force, or any member of the KOSC in good standing. The overall grade point average required for all scholarships is above a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Applications may be picked up at the KOSC Gift Corner and the Kadena Library and must be received by **March 31**. Call **633-6705** for more details.

EDUCATION RECORDS: The official site for personal education records is now on-line and can be found at <https://www.afvec.langley.af.mil>. The Kadena Training and Education Center will no longer be keeping paper academic folders and will be purging these records in the near future. Please pick up your folder by **May 1** or call the education office at **634-1500** for more details.

MILDLY ILL CHILD CARE PROGRAM: The Air Force will soon implement a care option for parents of mildly ill children that will provide free supervision by a specially-trained Family Child Care provider. Care will be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Only children with those ailments or illnesses that have been designated by the local medical authority as "mild" can be considered for the temporary service. Call the Family Child Care staff at **634-3464** for more details.

BDUSHORTAGES CORRECTED: All sizes of woodland battle dress uniforms and accessories at AAFES Pacific Military Clothing Sales stores will be available within the next two months. The military supplier, the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, is aware of the shortages and is working to improve stock availability.



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Cashing in on taxes

Master Sgt. Roxanne Stevenson, a tax center volunteer from the 18th Munitions Squadron, explains deductions to Senior Airman Jeffery Montgomery, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, while she prepares his taxes for the 2004 season. The Tax Center prepares taxes for free for active-duty, DoD members, and spouses Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins, and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 634-7784/9889 or e-mail tax.center@kadena.af.mil to make an appointment.

Fund helps wide range of Airmen

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena Airmen can "take care of their own" by contributing to the 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign kicking off Tuesday.

Campaign organizers here said the goal for this year's campaign is \$100,000 and Kadena residents have until April 12 to contribute.

The annual campaign supports four Air Force-specific charities: the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

"In this time of urgent need for disaster victims throughout the world, the need for assistance is also important when our own active duty, reserve, ANG, and retired Air Force members experience the personal hardships of deployments, accidents, illness, financial loss, aging, and death," said Chief of Staff General John Jumper.

Kadena's AFAF project officer, Capt. Tony Hebert, says he's confident the base will reach its monetary goal this year.

"We're urging all Kadena members to contribute — even at least just a few dollars — to meet, if not exceed our 50 percent participation goal," he said.

Last year, Kadena exceeded its financial goal by more than \$44,000, but fell considerably short of its participation goal of 50 percent, by nearly half.

"If every military member gives something, no matter how large or small, we will exceed our goals and show the Air Force that Team Kadena cares for it's people," said Captain Hebert.

Contributions are tax deductible and all the money raised by Air Force people helps other airmen, he said.

In 2004, Kadena received more than \$315,000 for emergency relief funds, educational grants and community

enhancement programs through the Air Force Aid Society.

"What we put in the pot — in terms of contributions — earns interest and when it is given back, we get at least several times more than what we put in," said Captain Hebert.

In all, last year's AFAF campaign raised \$5.2 million with 71 percent of the contributions going to the Air Force Aid Society. This year's Air Force goal is \$5.4 million.

"Your support to raise our \$5.4 million campaign will ensure our four Air Force charities will have the funds needed to support our members in times of tragedy and personal sacrifice," said General Jumper.

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force. It provides active-duty members and their families emergency financial assistance, education assistance and numerous base level community-enhancement programs. Last year, the society helped more than 30,000 people with \$21.1 million worth of assistance in the Air Force. More information is available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund is an apartment community in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides housing to widows and surviving spouses of enlisted Airmen 55 years and older who require financial assistance. The Air Force Enlisted Village Web site is <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund is a life-care community in San Antonio, Texas, offering retired and honorably separated officers, their spouses, widows and widowers, and senior family members an independent lifestyle with care available for the rest of their lives. The Air Force Village

Why donate?

Last year, \$315,294 from the Air Force Assistance Fund was used by Kadena airmen and their families. The following is a breakdown of how the money was used:

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Loans.....	\$94,820
Grants.....	\$4,001

EDUCATION

Education grants.....	\$16,500
Spouse tuition assistance.....	\$139,179

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

Bundles for Babies.....	\$6,959
Car Care Because We Care.....	\$4,380
Child care for PCS moves.....	\$11,980
Child care for volunteers.....	\$1,065
Give Parents a Break.....	\$7,929
Heart Link.....	\$1,200
Phone Cards.....	\$18,800
Wellness.....	\$822
Youth Employment Skills.....	\$7,659

also has a facility dedicated to research and caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Air Force Village Web site is available at <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides rent and financial assistance to widows and widowers of Airmen, in their own homes and communities by offering financial grants. The LeMay Foundation Web site can be found at <http://www.lemayfoundation.org>.

For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, contact your unit project officer or group representative. Look for more information and a list of group representatives in upcoming editions of The Kadena Shogun.

TEST CELL

18th Component Maintenance Squadron unit ensures jet engines ready to take to the skies



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Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Vergara, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, gets a communication cord ready for a pre-run check prior to an engine test at the Test Cell's fourth bay Tuesday. Last September, Pacific Air Forces and Kadena officials made \$6.1 million in renovations to the unit's two hush houses where aircraft are taken to start their engines during quiet hours to minimize engine noise.



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MONITORING THE SITUATION: Staff Sgts. Nathaniel Castillo and Steven Beedle, 18th CMS, runs tests on an engine inside the Test Cell's fourth bay. The unit uses the bay to test engines before they are inspected by quality assurance evaluators and added to the F-15 spare engine pool.

BY THE BOOK: Airman 1st Class Sonya LeCompte, 18th CMS, looks over her technical orders to ensure she is using the correct parts during an engine inspection Tuesday.



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Staff Sgt. Jennifer Chapman, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, disassembles an augmenter module for an inspection Tuesday.

Wing to get new command chief

Compiled by 18th Wing staff reports

Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Gordon has been serving as the wing's interim command chief since late October when Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop received an assignment as the commandant of the U.S. Air Force First Sergeant Academy at Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

The 18th Wing will receive a new command chief master sergeant Saturday when Chief Master Sgt. Clinton Camac assumes the position from Chief Gordon.

Chief Gordon, a 24-year Air Force veteran, will reclaim his former position as the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron's chief of installation readiness.

Looking back at his four months of experience in the 18th Wing's top enlisted position, Chief Gordon said he got the chance to "validate what he already knew."

"The Airmen here are doing great things," he said. "I definitely got a chance to see the team in action and I must say - we really are Team Kadena."

The chief said he also had the opportunity to do what he likes most as a chief - taking care of Airmen.

"I tried to focus on things that were important to the troops," he explained. "Sometimes the perspectives can be different between Airmen and leadership. My biggest challenge was getting my hands around all the important things."

Chief Gordon will continue to take care of Kadena troops until he permanently changes duty stations this summer.

Airmen get voice from AFSA

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Let your voice be heard on Capitol Hill for only \$25 a year. That's right! For only \$25 a year, you can help make a difference in the Air Force enlisted community by voicing your opinions and ideas to Congress.

Does this sound too good to be true? Well, it isn't.

The Air Force Sergeants Association -- comprised of nearly 135,000 Air Force enlistees, both active and retired of all grades, including Air National Guard and Reserve -- speaks on behalf of enlisted Air Force personnel and voices enlisted concerns to politicians on Capitol Hill.

Richard Dean the AFSA executive director said the organization's mission is not about weapons systems or air power. It's about people power--the protection of enlisted members' benefits, the care of their families, and the assurance of their quality of life.

"AFSA is in touch with the needs of our Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Gordon, 18th Wing acting command chief. "AFSA is our voice. They speak loud and clear on issues that impact Air Force members."

Chief Gordon said the satisfaction of knowing his voice is heard on Capitol Hill is one reason why he has maintained a membership with the AFSA on and off for more than 20 years. It's also why he recently became an AFSA lifetime member.

"This was my way of making a full commitment to the organization, and even after I retire, I'll still have a link to the Air Force community that I've come to enjoy for over 20 years," he said.

Besides adding to the influence of the enlisted voice and improving military communities, AFSA members can enjoy membership benefits and discounted programs. Members receive a magazine as well as a free \$1,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy when they join.

"AFSA is a good way for us to stay in tune with the larger issues plaguing our Air Force and to give back to the Air Force community at large," said Chief Gordon.

Information

Members can obtain information from the SERGEANTS magazine that sees the news from an Airman's perspective, as well as by the Capitol Hill Update Line - a toll-free service that gives up-to-date information on proposed

and pending legislation.

Insurance

AFSA not only provides \$1,000 of accident insurance free with a membership, but also affordable group life, health, cancer, dental, youth and auto insurances.

Savings and discounts

Members can receive 10 percent discounts on hotels and motels, receive car rentals at lower-than-government ID card rates, and travel benefits. Members can also receive savings of 20 to 50 percent on contact lenses and eye wear for the entire family.

Education

AFSA can help with scholarships and grants for military members or their dependents.

Services

AFSA provides more than 30 member services such as credit card programs, moving and relocation assistance, assistance in buying, selling or finding a home, getting a mortgage, and more. They also offer a variety of professional services to members including savings and checking accounts, retirement savings accounts, auto financing and buying services.

Medals updated into system

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Air Force has completed a batch update to currently reflect award of the Korean Defense Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal in the military personnel data system.

The Air Force Personnel Center here recently completed a mass decorations update for more than 69,000 active-duty Airmen who were permanently assigned to Korea, earning the Korean Defense Service Medal. An additional 114,000 updates for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal were completed for active-duty Airmen deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom since Sep. 11, 2001.

Airmen eligible to wear either the KDSM or the GWOT-E should view their decoration history in the virtual MPF to verify the update was successful. Brett Rodden, 18th Mission Support Squadron records clerk at the awards and decorations section, said Airmen should contact their Commander's Support Staff if they qualified for either decoration, but their decoration history was not updated.

If the entitlement is verified, the CSS will fax the appropriate letter from the

AFPC Contact Center Web page to the Contact Center for update.

Each medal will only be awarded once, regardless of how many times an individual returns to serve in the respective theater. There are no service stars, or other devices authorized. However, battle stars may be authorized with the GWOT for personnel who engaged in actual combat. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for battle stars.

The medals will be initially issued by local Military Personnel Flights as they become available and are also available through AAFES.



GWOT Expeditionary Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal

Need more info?

For more information on criteria for issue and wear of each medal, members can visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/Recently%20approved%20awards.htm>, or call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

TSP 'open season' limitations end July 1

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department civilians and service-members building tax-free retirement accounts through the Thrift Savings Plan soon will be able to change their investment options at any time instead of just twice a year.

Current biannual TSP "open season" investment-choice windows will end July 1, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council. TSP participants, she said, will be able to switch their retirement account options at any time.

Colonel Fenton said "there's not going to be the two open seasons during the year" where people can sign up for the retirement savings and investment program, change their contribution levels or change investment options.

Military people and civilians covered by the Civil Service Retirement System can contribute up to 10 percent of their paycheck to establish tax-free retirement accounts that grow from accumulated savings and investments in bonds, stocks and international funds.

Employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System can contribute up to 15 percent in 2005. From 2006 on, no limit will apply to any participants in TSP.

Another TSP change also slated to start July 1 gives participants the choice of having a financial manager automatically adjust how funds are invested as market conditions change, officials said.

"They'll move you from equities to bonds when you need to," Colonel Fenton said, which should assist participants in maximizing their contributions.

Servicemembers have been eligible to establish tax-free TSP retirement accounts since January 2002, she said.

Establishing a TSP account is a good idea even for those servicemembers who do not serve long enough to qualify for a pension, Colonel Fenton said.

TSP funds accumulated during military service, she said, can be transferred to participating federal agency TSPs if a departing servicemember takes a government civilian job.

And, TSP savings can also be rolled into nongovernment civilian employers' individual retirement accounts, the colonel said.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ The number of U.S. military-related arrests dropped drastically last year, Okinawa Prefectural Police officials announced recently. This was the first drop in U.S. military related crimes since 1996. According to the OPP officials, 72 people were arrested in 2004, a decline of 45.9 percent from the previous year. The number of crimes committed by U.S. servicemembers also dropped 47.3 percent.

□ Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine departs for the United States March 12 to meet U.S. officials at the State Department, Pentagon, and National Security Council in Washington. The governor plans to request a reduction in the number of American troops stationed on Okinawa.

□ The Naha District Court branch ordered the Government of Japan to pay ¥2.8 billion to more than 3,800 people living near Kadena Air Base for health damages caused by aircraft noise. The court dismissed residents' demands, however, to suspend early morning and late night aircraft activities.

□ Okinawan special-needs students will compete in the 2005 Special Olympics Winter World Games in Nagano, Japan Feb. 26-March 5. Fourteen students from Okinawa Koto-Yogo High School will compete in the floor hockey event. Last year, a similar team from Okinawa won the floor hockey national title. The team was trained by American volunteers at Kadena Air Base during the Kadena Special Olympic Games.

□ The number of traffic accidents caused by drivers using cell phones was cut in half in the two months following the introduction of a revised law in November, the National Police Agency said Thursday.

The number of accidents in the two months reviewed dropped 48.7 percent. Fatalities also dropped from six to four. Under the revised Road Traffic Law, drivers are fined if caught holding their cell phone while driving.

While the blossoms fall...



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(Clockwise) **A QUICK FOOD BREAK:** Master Sgt. Rhonda Martinez, 82nd Rescue Squadron, pays for a meal at a local convenience stand during the Kadena ITT tour to the Cherry Blossom Festival. More than 20 people went on the tour to see the newly blossoming cherry blossom trees in Nago, Okinawa.

A LONG WAY TO CLIMB: Tech. Sgt. Virgil Parks, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, his wife Robyn, and daughters Caprice, 6, and Dejah, 16 months, enjoy the food, festivities and games during the ITT tour to see the Cherry Blossom Festival.

ICE CREAM AND GAMES EQUAL FUN: Master Sgt. Rhonda Martinez, 82nd Rescue Squadron, chats with other Cherry Blossom visitors on the stairs leading up to the Cherry Blossom trees during the local ITT tour to the Cherry Blossom Festival.



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"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil

Q : I noticed a beautiful display of dolls set up for a holiday called Girls' Day at a mall recently. What is the tradition behind it?

A : The celebration of health, beauty, and happiness for unmarried girls is the foundation for Girls' Day, held on March 3rd of every year. The celebration, called Hina Matsuri, is also referred to as the Girls' Doll Festival because households with unmarried daughters set up displays of dolls. The daughters receive visitors who come to view the dolls, thereby having the chance to practice their social skills.

The traditional Hina Doll set includes 15 dolls that are displayed in a set format on seven-steps covered with a red cloth. In some families, these dolls have been passed from generation to generation and are prized family heirlooms. The dolls are arranged to represent the Imperial Court, with the Emperor and Empress dolls on the top step, flanked by paper lamps. Normally a miniature gilded folding screen is displayed behind them, just like the real imperial throne of the ancient Japanese court. Because the Peach Blossom Festival (Momo-no-Sekku) occurs at about the same time, peach blossoms are often also placed on the top row.

Although there may be some slight variations, the

arrangement of the other steps, from top to bottom, normally includes:

Second step -- three ladies-in-waiting (Sannin Kanjo) and seasonal sweets.

Third step -- five male court musicians (Gonin Bayashi) -- the normal arrangement includes two large drum (taiko) players, two small drum players, one flute player, and one singer.

Fourth step -- two court guards (Zuishin), elderly man on the left, younger man on the right, and diamond-shaped rice cakes with layers of pink, white, and green (hishimochi).

Fifth step -- three attendants (Eji) carrying slippers and umbrellas flanking trays of food (ozen).

Sixth step -- chest of drawers (tansu), clothing chest (nagamochi), dresser (kyoudai), sewing box (haribako), charcoal brazier (hibachi), and tea utensils (cha-dougu).

The bottom step -- orange tree (tachibana) on the left, cherry tree (sakura) on the right, flanking a palanquin (okago), a stack of nested boxes (jyubako), and a carriage (goshoguruma).

The displays are normally set up two or three weeks before Girls' Day and left up for a week afterwards. Many stores and hotels set up displays. The truly lavish displays use large dolls, real plates of food, and live full-grown or miniature (bonsai) trees. Small complete sets can also be purchased, including miniature sets that fit inside a box which converts to the display setting.

In Okinawa, many of us celebrate Girls' Day twice. We celebrate the traditional Japanese Hina Matsuri and we celebrate our own Girls' Day on March 3rd on the Lunar Calendar. Our celebration is often referred to as Beach Visiting Day (Hamauri) because families with young female children and unmarried daughters visit the seashore. The unmarried women and children use the saltwater to purify themselves, exorcising any bad spirits and curses that may have attached to them in the preceding year. Prayers are also offered so that young girls will grow up in good health and bear healthy children.

In some places, an old tradition of women-only is followed. All the women of the village, regardless of age or marital status go to the beach and the men stay home and are forbidden to go to the shore. For most of us, while there is some spiritual or religious significance attached to Hamauri, we normally celebrate the day with a picnic at the beach and eat boxed lunches (bento).

Today

URASHIMA DINNER THEATER TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

KUMON MATH: Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

NIGHT OWL BINGO: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a night of bingo with card sales beginning at 9 and play at 10:30 p.m.

TEEN DJ CLUB: Learn how to be a DJ with King Freeze and Ja STiKz from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Teen Center. Teens can sign-up at the Teen Center front desk.

RIGHT HAND PERSONS EVENING: Bring your spouse or co-worker (your right hand person) to the Officers Club from 5 to 7 p.m. as a way to say "thank you" for all their hard work.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

BOWL ALL NIGHT: Emery Lanes is open 24 hours on weekends. The facility opens at 6 a.m. Friday and remains open until 11 p.m. on Sunday.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by The Partae virus from 10 p.m. until closing.

FIRST-TIMEHOMEBUYERS: The Family Support Center will hold a first-time homebuyers class from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

CHECKBOOK MANAGEMENT: The Family Support Center will hold a checkbook management class from 2 to 4 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

Saturday

HANDMADE CRAFTS FAIR: Come and see baskets, wreathes, candles, wood shelves, bath and body products, and more made by local Island crafters from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION: Join the Youth Center in the Recreation Room, where talented youths will perform a special presentation in recognition of African American History Month. Youths will research their "heroes" and perform skits representing them.

BOWLING CLASS: Adult and youth classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Emery Lanes. No children under age 8. Call **634-2290** for more details.

WHALE WATCHING TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

TEEN ROCK DANCE: Rock on with local teen bands and a DJ from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Teen Center. Admission is \$4 for members with a \$1 discount for showing your Teen Center card, and \$5 for nonmembers.

EXPO PARK TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

BOWL ALL NIGHT: Emery Lanes is open 24 hours on weekends. The facility opens at 6 a.m. Friday and remains open until 11 p.m. on Sunday.

40-FRAME BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Sign-up for this tournament at Emery Lanes at 6 and bowl at 7 p.m. There is a fee to participate in this event. Call **634-2290** for more information.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call **634-1387** for more details.

MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: Learn the art of patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1387** for more details.



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Show turns out to be a 'Thriller!'

ZOMBIE DANCERS: (Left to right) Tia Clark, 2nd Lt. John A. Hooks Jr., Staff Sgt. Lebaron Cooley, Cpl. Tamara O'Keffe and Staff Sgt. Jeffery Clark perform a version of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" during the Music In My Soul (A Motown Revue) musical dinner production Saturday at the Kadena Officers Club. Military members portrayed entertainers such as The Temptations, The Supremes, The Jackson 5, Smokie Robinson, and Ike and Tina Turner. The production was a sell-out last weekend.

SERENADE: Staff Sgt. Clarence Brown, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, sings "If loving you is wrong, I don't want to be right," by Luther Ingram, to his daughter Imani, during the Music In My Soul (A Motown Revue) musical dinner production depicting pioneers that paved the way for black music, Saturday at the Kadena Officers Club.

TEEN CHESS CLUB: Play the game of strategy with other teen members at the Teen Center from 1 to 2 p.m.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 9 p.m. until closing for the Rocker Music Mixer and Top 40 Variety Dance Hits in the Lounge.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 10 until closing for Country Night with DJ Leis.

DEPLOYED SPOUSES DINNER: There will be a deployed spouses dinner at Chapel 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

Sunday

KINOSHITA CIRCUS TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

BOWL ALL NIGHT: Emery Lanes is open 24 hours on weekends. The facility opens at 6 a.m. Friday and remains open until 11 p.m. on Sunday.

WHALE WATCHING TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 5 to 8 p.m. for All That Jazz with the Doctor and Open Mic from 8 p.m. until closing.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 7 to 11 p.m. for the Top 40 Meltdown.

Monday

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID

card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

LAP SWIM: The Kadena High School pool is open for lap swim from 5:30 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

ISHIMINE CHILDREN'S HOME: Volunteer with the Teen Center Keystone Club at 5:30 p.m. to interact with Japanese youth. Activities may include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons. Call **634-3866** for more information.

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Rock Around the Clock with C Note.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 5 to 7 p.m. for 50-cent hamburgers and hot dogs followed by Variety Dance Hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

JAPANESECLASS: The Family Support Center offers a Japanese conversational class from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

Tuesday

BINGO: Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

BANYANTREE: Rock it with DJ Zacko from 7 to 10 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

RIBEYESTEAK: The Banyan Tree Club celebrates Ribeye Tuesdays in March from 1 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

WINCASH: Kadena Officers Club members can win \$100 during a daily drawing in the Weekender Lounge at 6 p.m.

CRAZY KARAOKE CONTEST: The Rocker NCO Club offers Crazy Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. Weekly finalists will advance to the grand finals April 30 to compete for \$500. Call **634-0740** for more information.

RESUME BUILDING: The Family Support Center offers a Resume 101 class from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

Wednesday

BINGO: Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

BANYANTREE: Music request night from 7 to 10 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

WINCASH: Kadena Officers Club members can win \$100 during a daily drawing in the Weekender Lounge at 6 p.m.

ROCKERNCO CLUB: Deep Groove Wednesdays from 5 p.m. until closing.

JAPANESE CLASS (PART II): The Family Support Center offers a Japanese conversational class from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

Thursday

BINGO: Soap Opera Bingo from noon to 1 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

BANYANTREE: Fired up country music from 7 to 10 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

SALSALESSONS: The Kadena Officers Club offers free salsa lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. Call **634-3663** for more details.

WINCASH: Kadena Officers Club members can win \$100 during a daily drawing in the Weekender Lounge at 6 p.m.

REGGAE NIGHT: Rub-a-dub Reggae Thursdays at the Rocker NCO Club from 5 p.m. to close.

WELCOME WALK: The Family Support Center offers a Welcome Walk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

FEDERALEMPLOYMENT: The Family Support Center offers a Federal Employment class from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call **634-3366** for more details.

PRE-SEPARATIONCOUNSELING: The Family Support Center offers a Pre-Separation Counseling class from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

March 4

BANYANTREE: Flashback Friday with CNOTE from 5 to 10 p.m. Call **634-0644** for more details.

NIGHT OWL BINGO: The

Rocker NCO Club offers Night Owl Bingo from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FIRSTFRIDAY: Party all night long to R&B music at the Rocker NCO Club beginning at 9 p.m.

ROCKERNCOCLUB: De Ja Vu Fridays start at 5 p.m. with the Doctor followed by a variety of themes throughout the night.

TASTEOTHEORIENT: The Family Support Center offers a Taste of the Orient class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

CHALKITUP: The Kadena Youth Center will have a "Chalk it up" arts and crafts activity from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The event is open to all members ages 6-12. Call **634-0500** for more details.

READBYMAIL: Children can create their own book lists from more than 13,000 titles, read them and earn points and rewards for their efforts through the Kadena Youth Center's Read by Mail program. Call **634-0500** for more details.

POWERHOUR: Teens can do homework, read or pursue other educational activities to earn points. Call **634-3866** for more details.

MOVIES	
Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.	
Keystone Theater	
▲ Today.....	Meet the Fockers, PG-13, 6 p.m. Hide and Seek, R, 9 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Meet the Fockers, PG-13, noon Hide and Seek, R, 4 p.m. Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Meet the Fockers, PG-13, noon Hide and Seek, R, 4 p.m. Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	Hitch, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	Hitch, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday.....	Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	Poo's Heffalump Movie, G, 4 p.m.
Butler Theater	
▲ Today.....	Woman Thou Art Loosed, R, 7 p.m. Blade: Trinity, R, 10 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Poo's Heffalump Movie, G, 1 p.m. Poo's Heffalump Movie, G, 4 p.m. Flight of the Phoenix, PG-13, 7 p.m. Closer, R, 10 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Poo's Heffalump Movie, G, 1 p.m. Poo's Heffalump Movie, G, 4 p.m. Blade: Trinity, R, 7 p.m. Spanglish, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	Unavailable
▲ Tuesday.....	Unavailable
▲ Wednesday.....	Unavailable
▲ Thursday.....	Unavailable

CHAPEL	
Catholic	
▲ Monday through Friday	: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday	: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Protestant	
▲ Wednesday	: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
▲ Hindu service:	Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
▲ Eastern Orthodox service:	call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services:	call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services:	call 636-3219



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1...2...3...4...Cheer for us a little more....

HIP-HIP HOORAY! Ravens cheerleaders, ages 3 to 5 from different schools on Okinawa, perform their routine for Kadena's active-duty members and families during the Cheer Fest at the Falcon Fitness Center Saturday. More than 20 cheerleading teams, ages 3 to 15, showed off their skills during the elementary to high school Cheer Fest.

A ROSE FOR A ROSE: Robert Harris, age 5, from the Saints 5 to 6-year-old football team, presents flowers to the cheerleaders after their routine during the Cheer Fest at the Falcon Fitness Center Saturday.



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A 5-year-old from the Panthers Cheerleading squad performs at the Cheer Fest Saturday at the Falcon Gym.

Sports Briefs

VARSITY SOCCER TRY-OUTS

March 1 - 3
McDonald Stadium from 6 to 8 p.m.

EXTRAMURAL TENNIS COACHES MEETING

March 7
Falcon Fitness Center at 2 p.m.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

March 21
Falcon Fitness Center at 2 p.m.

KADENA SOCCER CUP TOURNEY

April 1 - 3
McDonald Stadium

2005 FAR EAST BOYS BASKETBALL

7th and 8th place game at 9 a.m.
5th and 6th place game at 11 a.m.
3rd and 4th place game at 1 p.m.
1st and 2nd place game at 3 p.m.
Saturday at Kadena High School

An awards ceremony will be held after the championship game at approximately 5 p.m.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Division 1

	W	L
18 CMS	9	0
18 SVS	6	1
18 SFS	6	3
18 AMXS	5	2
733 AMS	5	3
18 CS	5	3
18 CES (A)	4	3
18 LRS (A)	3	4
18 EMS (B)	2	6
18 CES (C)	1	6
VP-8	1	7
18 EMS (A)	1	10

Division 2

	W	L
18 AMDS/DS	8	0
353 OSS	8	1
18 MOS	7	2
961 AACS	6	3
18 CES (B)	5	2
18 OSS	5	4
390 IS	4	5
18 LRS (B)	3	6
82 RS	3	6
554 RHS	2	6
18 CONS	1	8
18 CES (D)	1	10

Standings are current as of Feb. 24

Happy Birthday 5K Run/Walk

About 130 people showed up to the President's Birthday 5K Run/Walk on President's Day Monday sponsored by the Risner Fitness Center. At registration, each participant received a raffle ticket to possibly get their own "birthday present" at the end of the run. The Risner raffled off hand weights, gym bags, socks, and other goodies after the run.



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